

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RESTRICTING AND ENHANCING TOPOLOGY
DISPLAYS FOR MULTI-CUSTOMER LOGICAL NETWORKS
WITHIN A NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

A method, system, apparatus, and computer program
10 product are presented for management of a distributed data
processing system on behalf of a plurality of management
customers. A set of logical networks within the distributed
data processing system and/or a set of physical networks in
the distributed data processing system are associated with
15 an anchor object. A topology map can be generated and
displayed in which a root node of the topology map is the
anchor object. Each anchor object is uniquely
associated with a customer for which the distributed data
processing system is managed. The topology display can be
20 restricted such that portions of topology information are
displayed to an administrative user in accordance with the
authorized security access of the user.